

TO HOBSONIZE RUSSIAN FLEET

Attempt of Admiral Togo to Bottle Up the Russians.

RESULT AS YET INDEFINITE.

A Variety of Dispatches On the Subject, All Tending to Indicate a Daring Scheme of the Japanese.

London, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. from St. Petersburg, sent at 12 o'clock Wednesday night, says that on February 23 the Japanese attempted to send four steamers, filled with explosives, among the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor. These steamers did no damage and were themselves destroyed, two being sunk and two going ashore. Two Japanese boats escorting the steamers were destroyed by Russian ships.

BATTLE RAGING AT PORT ARTHUR.

Twenty-Three Japanese Vessels Are Visible On the Horizon.

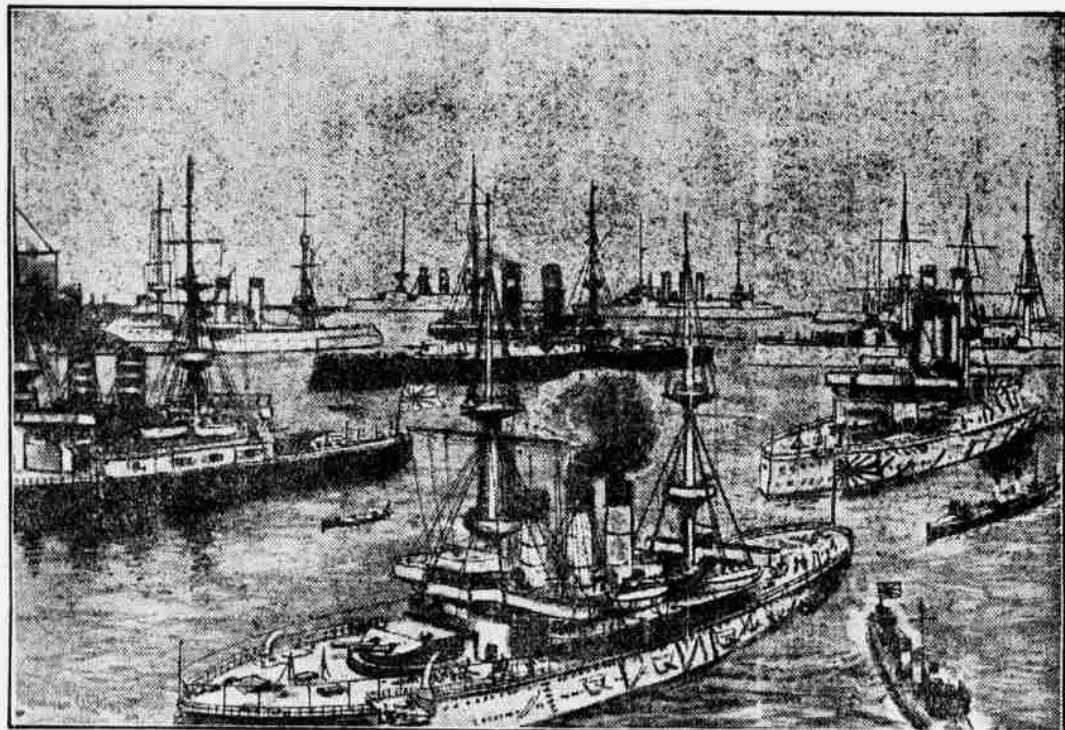
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Port Arthur correspondent of the Novosti telegraphs that at Port Arthur the Japanese lost steamers (number not stated) and one torpedo boat.

"At the moment of writing," the correspondent continued, "23 Japanese vessels are visible on the horizon, and cross-firing has begun in which the Russian cruisers Bagyan, Novik and Askold are participating."

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING.

Stories of the Victory Are Conflicting and Confusing in Character.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25, 2:12 a. m.—Reports of a Russian victory at Port Arthur were current late Wednesday afternoon and early in the evening.



Mikasa. Shikishima. Asahi.

and about midnight they seemed to have been definitely confirmed, but in the absence of an official announcement, which is momentarily expected, the stories of the dimensions of this victory were most conflicting and confusing in character.

Tried Sampson's Scheme.

The most circumstantial report that the Japanese had attempted to bottle up Admiral Stark's fleet in Port Arthur by sinking two stone-laden vessels at the entrance of the harbor, employing the tactics which were considered but not executed by the late Admiral Sampson, U. S. N.—with the Merrimac at Santiago during the Spanish-American war.

According to this account two Japanese ships appeared off the harbor with a Japanese fleet behind them and ostensibly in pursuit. The Russians, however, suspected a ruse, and their ships steamed out, sank the stone-laden vessels, engaged and defeated the enemy and redoubled them. The reports of the loss inflicted, however, are conflicting.

Japanese Lose Four Vessels.

All the stories included the feature of the vessels loaded with stones, but according to some versions the Japanese fleet was conveying transports with the purpose of affecting a landing at Pigeon Bay, and after the failure of this preliminary maneuver the Russians played havoc with both the Japanese warships and transports, sinking four of the former and two of the latter. One account even gives the name of the battleship Retvizan as the vessel which particularly distinguished herself during the action by ramming and sinking one of the Japanese battleships.

Newspaper's Print Extras.

Rumors of this victory were spread far and wide over the city during the early part of the evening, and the crowds which had gathered in the streets in spite of the severe cold to discuss the news were greatly excited. One newspaper printed an extra relating to the victory based on a meager telegram from London, but as the night wore on without official confirmation the crowds disappeared, except from around the newspaper offices. These remained thronged with officers and other who were resolved to await the official announcement.

First Decisive Russian Victory.

The news of the victory was accompanied by two stories, one that after the first decisive Russian victory the emperor would offer peace, and the other that Japan had deposed the emperor of Korea and formally annexed that country.

Both these reports are without confirmation, and they are given simply as examples of the stories which floated about in the excited crowds.

FROM VICEVOY ALEXIEFF.

Says Japs Attempted to Sink Steamers Loaded With Inflammables.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25, 2:45 a. m.—A telegram from Vicevoy Alexieff to the czar says:

"At a quarter before three in the morning of February 23, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables. The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor; they were coming directly towards her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger Peninsula, and another sank under Golden Hill. The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels was drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines."

VICTORY CAUSED ENTHUSIASM.

Japs Attacked Russian Warships With Torpedo Boats.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The Russian embassy here has received a communication to the effect that a Japanese squadron during the night of February 23 tried to block the entrance of Port Arthur harbor, at the same time attacking Russian warships there with torpedo boats and trying to set them on fire. The battleship Retvizan, supported by the coast batteries, repelled this attack, forced the Japanese to retire and succeeded in sinking four of their vessels.

The news of this Russian victory was posted in the lobbies of the chamber of deputies during the session Wednesday and caused great enthusiasm.

ANOTHER VERSION GIVEN.

Japs Planned to Sink Barges, Thus Blocking the Exit.

London, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg gives another version of the reported defeat

KEEPING COMMUNICATION OPEN.

Russians Keeping Communication Open Between Wiju and Anju.

Seoul, Feb. 25.—The Russians are keeping communication between Wiju and Anju, Corea, open. Otherwise no advance to the southward has yet been made. Russian spies, however, are reported to be in the vicinity of Ping Yang.

HAVE NOT CROSSED THE YALU.

The Main Force of the Russians Still North of the Yalu.

Tokio, Feb. 25.—Reliable reports from northern Corea indicate that the Russians have not yet crossed the Yalu river. Their scouts have, it is rumored, penetrated into the country south of Wiju, but the main force still remains north of the river. The Japanese seem to be convinced that the Russians are unable to assemble a sufficient force to attempt a movement north to Corea. The Russian strength north of the Yalu is variously estimated at from 20,000 to 40,000.

TREATY WITH COREA.

Japan Guarantees the Independence and Integrity of Corea.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Secretary Hay has received information that Japan has negotiated a treaty with Corea whereby she guarantees the independence and integrity of Corea.

This is regarded here as one of the cleverest of the many startling diplomatic moves that have been made in connection with the eastern question.

The effect is to place Japan on a high moral plane, for, it is understood here, that this treaty is an announcement to the world that even if she prevails in her struggle with Russia, involving military occupation of Corea, Japan will take no advantage of that fact, but will maintain the independence of the hermit kingdom.

BADGER CAPITAL RUINED BY FIRE

Destruction of the Wisconsin State Capitol Building at Madison.

LOSS IS PRACTICALLY TOTAL

The Immense Law Library and the Almost Priceless Records in Grand Army Hall Among the Salvage.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 28.—The Wisconsin state capitol building was damaged \$800,000 by fire Saturday. The state carries only partial insurance, being in the process of changing from insurance in companies to a system of state insurance. The fire involves the building of a new capitol, a special session of the legislature and the probable renewal of the agitation in favor of the removal of the capitol from Madison to Milwaukee.

The flames, which started about 3 a. m., by six o'clock had completely ruined the east and west wings, containing the senate and assembly chambers and the department of the tax commission, the adjutant-general, railroad commissioner, state school superintendent, superintendent of public property, board of agriculture, state normal school, commissioner of fisheries, fish and game warden, state board of pharmacy, state land office, dairy and food commission, state treasurer and commissioner of labor, and were about to attack the department of government, secretary of state, state board of control and the insurance commissioner.

Ten Streams Had Little Effect.

The local fire department had ten streams of water playing on the flames with little effect.

At eight o'clock the flames were bursting from the extreme windows on the north and south wings, the east and west wings having by this time been destroyed.

The last departments to burn were those of the secretary and governor, on the south, the attorney-general and insurance commissioners, on the main floor, and the supreme court law library and state library commission, on the second floor. Practically all the valuable state records are believed to be safe. Most of them remain in masonry and steel vaults in the ruins, and their safety depends on the extent of the fireproof character of the vaults.

Origin of the Fire.

The origin of the fire is now believed to have been a lighted gas jet in a toilet room on the second floor. The flame was close to and ignited a varnished ceiling.

Gov. La Follette was early on the scene and did much to insure order among the workers.

All the contents of the immense law library in the north end of the building were carried out, together with a large quantity of other books and papers. These were not materially damaged. Included in the burned portion was the Grand Army hall. Its almost priceless records were saved and have been stored in temporary quarters.

Fire Chief Overcome.

During the fire Chief Charles Bernard was overcome by smoke and fell from a ladder, receiving serious injuries. He was taken to his home, where he lies unconscious.

Practically No Insurance.

From an original cost of \$60,000, in 1937, appropriations from time to time for new additions, made the cost of the state capitol to date about \$900,000.

THE DOORS DID NOT OPEN

The Taunton (Mass.) Safe Deposit and Trust Co. in Financial Difficulty.

Taunton, Mass., Feb. 28.—The doors of the Taunton Safe Deposit & Trust Co. did not open, as a result of an injunction from the supreme court restraining the treasurer from receiving or paying any deposits until after a hearing on an injunction in the supreme court, at Boston, Monday.

The state bank commissioners have announced that they will ask that a receiver be appointed for the institution. The company is said to be in difficulties because of poor investments, but the president Edward H. Temple, claims that the depositors will be paid in full. The liabilities are \$602,966.

BAD MEN BEHIND THE GUNS

Remarkable Record Made With the Thirteen-Inch Guns of the Battleship Wisconsin.

Manila, Feb. 28.—The battleship Wisconsin has beaten the world's record with 13-inch guns, its expert gunners having made nine bull's-eyes out of ten shots fired within ten minutes.

Paymaster Morse, of the Wisconsin, accused of irregularities in the commissary fund accounts, is to be tried by a court-martial.

Frederick the Great Statue.

Washington, Feb. 28.—At a conference between Baron von Sternburg and Secretary of War Taft it was arranged that the statue of Frederick the Great, which Emperor William is giving to the American people, shall be formally presented on October 20.

Found Dead in His Room.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—Charles Taylor, aged 40 years, was found dead in a room at the Salvation army barracks Friday night. The body was taken to the morgue. Several phials of morphine were found in Taylor's pockets.

Ill Health and Suicide.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—Despondent on account of continued ill health, Amos B. Ayres, a stockholder in the Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Co., committed suicide at his home, Friday evening, by taking carbolic acid.

Sudden Death From Apoplexy.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—While conversing with friends in Carmody's cafe, Friday evening, Francis Xavier Barada, one of the best-known real estate dealers in St. Louis, was attacked by apoplexy and died within half an hour.

PRESIDENT ON CORRUPTION

Sends a Letter of Congratulation to Postmaster-General Payne.

He Says It Is Impossible to Expect That Corruption Will Not Occur in Any Government.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The president Saturday sent the following letter to Postmaster-General Payne: "White House, Washington, Feb. 27, 1904.

"My Dear Mr. Postmaster-General: While all the work of the post office department and the department of justice in connection with the postal frauds is not yet over, there is already to the credit of the departments, and therefore primarily to your credit, such an amount of substantial achievement that I take this opportunity to congratulate you personally upon it. It is impossible to expect that corruption will not occasionally occur in any government, the vital point is the energy, the fearlessness and the efficiency with which such corruption is cut out and the corruptors punished. The success of the prosecutions in these cases as compared with previous experience in prosecuting government officials who have been guilty of malfeasance or misfeasance is as noteworthy as it is gratifying, and must be a source of encouragement to all men who believe in decency and honesty in public life. What has been accomplished by you to those who have worked under you in your department, and by the department of justice, redounds to the credit of our whole people and is a signal triumph for the cause of popular government. If corruption goes unpunished in popular government, then government by the people will ultimately fail; and they are the best friends of the people who make it evident that whoever in public office or in connection with public office sins against the fundamental laws of civil and social well-being, will be punished with unsparring rigor.

"Sincerely yours," "THEODORE ROOSEVELT," "Hon. H. C. Payne, Postmaster-General."

FERRY STEAMER BURNED.

The Norfolk-On-The-Roads, For the Second Time Burned to the Waters Edge Near Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 29.—The steel ferry steamer Norfolk-on-the-Roads, owned by the Norfolk & Atlantic Terminal Co., burned to the waters edge at her moorings at Sewall's Point early Sunday morning. Fire was discovered shortly after midnight and could not be checked by the steamer Piney Beach, of the same road, which played one stream on the burning craft. The Norfolk-on-the-Roads ran between Sewall's Point and Newport News. She recently returned from Baltimore, where she had been rebuilt, having previously burned at the same moorings. The loss can not be estimated at present.

SEVEN PERSONS INJURED.

An Interurban Car Filled With Passengers and a Work Train Special Collide Near Tipton, Ind.

Tipton, Ind., Feb. 29.—A collision on the northern division of the Indiana Union Traction Co., near this city, Sunday night, between work train "special," carrying 28 laborers and a limited interurban car, comfortably filled with passengers, resulted in serious injuries to seven, several of whom may die.

The cause of the wreck is attributed to the faulty headlight on the work train, which was being remedied when the limited crashed into the forward end. Both cars were completely demolished.

PROGRAMME OF OPENING DAY

Committee on Ceremonies Will Select Speakers of National Fame to Make Addresses.

St. Louis, Feb. 29.—The committee on ceremonies of the World's fair will meet at the St. Louis club to-night to decide upon the programme for the opening day. This programme will include one principal speaker and two other speakers, it is said.

Many names of men of national reputation are under consideration, and at this meeting the committee will try to decide whom to invite.

Unless President Roosevelt accepts an invitation to be present, he will press in Washington a button that will start the machinery of the exposition. A special wire will be strung to the executive offices.

Not only the machinery but the cascades will be started by the president. The pumps supplying the water for them will be given a preliminary test, after which they will wait for the official signal to flow.

At the meeting to-night the chaplain will be decided upon and the musical programme selected. A chorus, assisted by Weill's band, will render the anthem.

Death of Wm. Amison.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 29.—William Amison, member of the board of trustees of the printer's home at Colorado Springs, Col., and once vice-president of the International Typographical union, was found dead of heart failure in his room here Sunday.

Rochester to Rebuild.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Plans are already being made for rebuilding the district devastated by fire. The Shiley, Lindsay & Carr company will hurry the construction of a new building which they had planned to build.

Convention Call Issued.

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Fred H. Rowe, of the republican state central committee, Saturday issued the formal call for the convention to be held at Springfield, at noon May 12. Under the call 1,499 delegates will sit in the convention.

Capt. R. A. Hurt.

Yates Center, Kas., Feb. 29.—Capt. R. A. Hurt is dead here, aged 83 years. Capt. Hurt was one of the early Kansas settlers emigrating from Illinois. He was personally acquainted with President Abraham Lincoln.

DOCTORS FALL IN LINE.

Practicing Physicians recognize the unfailing reliability of Doan's Kidney Pills by Prescribing them for Backache, Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Disorders—a tribute won by no other Proprietary Medicine. Four cases cited from "Notes of His Practice," by Dr. Leland Williamson, of Yorktown, Ark.

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There is no class of diseases a doctor is called often to treat than the variety of kidney diseases, in many of which the patient will have chills or rigors, followed by fever, a result of the kidneys failing to eliminate the uric acid poison from the system. Such cases require the kidneys restored to their natural functions, then the poison and foreign substances are removed—shock to the nervous system averted, and natural health restored.

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- CASE 1. THOS. ORELL, Bear, Ark., age 60. Pain in back for several weeks, then chills, irregular sometimes, severe rigors, followed by fever. Gave good purgative of calomel and opium, and Doan's Kidney Pills. After taking four boxes of the pills, patient up and enjoying good health for one of his age.
- CASE 2. Mrs. SMITH, Tarry, Ark., age 29, mother of four children. Had female complaint and kidney trouble, manifested by pain in back and urine irregular; sometimes very clear, changing to cloudy, and with much sediment on standing in chamber. Gave local treatment for female complaint and prescribed Doan's Pills; after using six boxes she regards herself as cured.
- CASE 3. BROWN EARS, Wynne, Ark., age 21, had severe case of malarial fever, or swamp fever. Gave necessary liver medicine, calomel and opium, and morphine, to relieve pain, and ordered Doan's Pills for the high state of congestion and inflammation of the kidneys. Recovery resulted in two weeks. Prescribed Doan's Kidney Pills, to be continued until the kidneys were thoroughly strengthened and all pain in back subsided.
- CASE 4. ELIJAH ELLIOTT, Tarry, Ark., age 34. Pain in back and legs and headache. Uric acid poisoning. Prescribed Doan's Kidney Pills. After taking several boxes pain subsided—urine became normal, or natural, and patient able to resume his work.

These are a few of the typical cases in which I have used Doan's Kidney Pills. In a great many instances I use them alone with curative results, while with some others indicated remedies are associated.

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